



A PROCLAMATION,

For a Solemn National Fast to be Kept Monethly.



WILLIAM and MARY by the Grace of **GOD**, King and Queen of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, Defenders of the Faith; To

Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute; Greeting: Forasmuch as the Commission of the General Assembly of this Church, have applyed to the Lords of Our Privy Council, That they would interpose their Civil Sanction, for keeping of a Solemn National Fast and Humiliation, in all the Kirks and Meeting-houses of this Our Ancient Kingdom, for Imploring the blessing of the Lord upon Us, in Our Counsels and Undertakings, in Defence of the true Reformed Religion, and of these Lands; And especially, that God would countenance Us in this present War, preserving Our Royal Person, and giving Success to Our Arms by Sea and Land, at Home and Abroad: Therefore We, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, do hereby Command and Enjoyn, that the said Solemn Fast and Humiliation, for the Ends above-set-down, be Religiously Obser-

ved, by all Persons within this Kingdom, both in Churches and Meeting-houses, upon the last *Wednesday* of *May* next to come, and thereafter Monethly, upon the last *Wednesday* of each *Month*, untill the last *Wednesday* of *August* next *inclusive*. And Ordains all Ministers either in Kirks, or Meeting-Houses, to Read these presents, publickly from the Pulpit, a *Sunday* or two before the first day appointed for keeping the said Fast, and Humiliation, and upon a *Sunday*, before each last *Wednesday*, during the space foresaid; And to the effect that this so Necessary and Religious a Duty may be publickly performed, and punctually Observed, and Our pleasure in the Premises known, **OUR WILL IS** Herefore, and We Charge you straitly, and Command, That incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head Burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and in Our Name and Authority, make Publication of the Premises, that none may pretend ignorance. And We Ordain Our Sollicitor, to dispatch Coppies hereof, to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, and Stewarts of the Stewartries, and their Deputs, or Clerks; To be by them published at the Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs, upon Receipt thereof. And immediately sent to the several Ministers, both in Kirks and Meeting-Houses; To the effect, they may Read and intimate the same from their Pulpits, and may seriously exhort all Persons to a sincere and devote Observance thereof, as they will be answerable at their perill. And Ordains these Presents to be Printed, and Published in manner foresaid.

Given under Our Signet, at *Edinburgh*, the twenty day of *April*, and of Our Reign the third Year, 1691.



Per Actum Dominorum Sti. Concilii.
DA. MONCRIEF, *Clk. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD save King William and Queen Mary.